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Dulles Denies Cuba Uprising Was Expected

By the Associated Press

Allen W. Dulles says Washington officials did not expect an uprising by the Cuban people during last April's unsuccessful invasion aimed at toppling the Fidel Castro regime.

Mr. Dulles, who retired recently as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said yesterday in a recorded radio and TV program:

"There is quite a popular misapprehension that it was felt there would be a spontaneous uprising. We have never contemplated that. In the days of the war I worked a great deal with the French underground. The last thing we wanted was spontaneous uprisings, to be slaughtered by the Nazi troops. In the same way we were not looking for a spontaneous uprising, but for other developments."

He did not expand on what the other developments might have been.

Asked whether April's Washington-backed invasion was the last chance to overthrow Mr. Castro without direct United States intervention, Mr. Dulles said:

"Well, I wouldn't go quite that far, but I would go well along the line. We knew . . . that the Cuban pilots were being trained in Czechoslovakia. We knew they were going to have very shortly under Cuban direction Migs in considerable numbers. And I am inclined to think . . . that if a move was to be made short of intervention, probably this was the area of time when it had to be made. About November to April."

Commenting on advance intelligence, Mr. Dulles said "there was no military hardware that appeared that was a surprise to us." He added: "Some of the material was a little better handled than we expected."